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A Plea for Accomplishments in Undergraduate Work.

When our grandmothers were young a well born young girl was expected to spend the greater part of her time from the beginning of maidenhood till marriage in the exercise of those finer faculties which go to make up what was considered the accomplished woman. To have some knowledge of embroidery, crayon sketching and music was indispensable; and no matter how meagerly nature had endowed her with the artistic sense or how strongly her tastes and inclinations drew her in other directions she must persevere in the effort to mould herself in a fashion to suit the times.

There is much to be said in favor of this method of disciplining those erratic tendencies and wayward impulses which might militate against a fitting education. Perseverance in the most distasteful study, whether music, latin or mathematics, no doubt has its just rewards. To do not only what is right but also what is expedient is a necessary factor in life, and happiness is just so much more conserved as the ability to bend one's self cheerfully to uncongenial tasks is strengthened by practice.

But since our grandmothers were young times have changed. No longer is it considered necessary to spend the most precious years of receptivity upon those subjects which are the most distasteful. Educational lines are broader. To the school girl a college course becomes for the time her dearest ambition, and toward it she bends every energy.

There is little time to spend upon accomplishments. If she can devote even an hour a day to that which she loves best she does well. But once in college she finds unexpected liberality in choice of undergraduate work. Here is everything to suit the most individual tastes. And this is as it should be; since for everyone to study the same subjects and prepare for the same pursuits would result in a race of commonplace mediocrity. For, however high the general standard, if everyone reaches it the plane is a common one and the individual is lost.

The time of receptivity is youth. The time of growth succeeds it and is only curtailed by ill health or hard necessity. Upon entering college the undergraduate enters upon the beginning of her best working years. Here she learns how to work, how to put forth her best efforts, and whatever her inclinations, whatever her ambitions to do something distinctive in life, if her time is wholly devoted to other subjects however worthy, the opportunity is lost. It often happens that the undergraduate has at first no preference for any particular line of work, and it may take nearly all the four years to develop one. But as a rule this is not so. The young man awakens to the fact that he has his daily bread to earn, and as his interest in a certain subject increases he feels that if his life work could be centered in that labor would be a joy.

Why should not the young woman feel this way also? In her heart she does. She has her moments of enthusiasm—delightful, absorbing. She forgets everything except the subject in hand. With difficulty she tears herself away from it in order to pursue other tasks or carry on a necessary avocation. This absorbing, delightful work is for the time her highest life. In it she spends supreme moments. To continue it, to receive the best training possible, to avail herself of every opportunity toward the furtherance of her object could never be drudgery. The future stretches out before her a shining way. There are difficulties, discouragements, falterings, but a true love for the congenial pursuit causes them to be overcome or to disappear.

Would not such a subject, were it music or chemistry, painting or biology, domestic economy or greek, carried on in this spirit of high enthusiasm be to her an accomplishment? The effect upon her mind and character and through them upon her social environment of one subject is precisely as beneficial as another. Because one woman with highly cultivated artistic sense looks with delight upon a *Corot* which another woman passes unnoticed does not prove that the other is lacking in finer sensibility. In her may have awakened an intuition in embryology almost divine, and to her the mysteries of Nature be more absorbingly beautiful than the most wonderful conceptions of man.

If upon graduation the necessity of earning her daily bread confront the college woman and it may not be done by means of the dearly loved accomplishment, then let her not for apparent lack of time forego it. There are always a few moments in the busiest life for what one *loves* to do.

If music be the desired subject why not select a college where music will count in the number of honors required? If painting, there are departments in all our best institutions where hours spent in drawing are considered the same as laboratory work. If housework in its various branches attract one, there are a few colleges—let us hope there will soon be more—where courses in domestic economy are a part of the regular curriculum.

Literature, languages, science in its various branches, all are provided for the eager student. In fact there is nothing which may not be studied with an accompaniment of other and more general subjects. And thus the college girl may feel that she is carrying on her dearly loved specialty, meanwhile breathing in the life and enthusiasm of diversified work around her.

A music school is not enough, an art school not enough for the would be cultured woman. Both are too narrow. Let them come afterwards by all means if possible, for college work is only the merest beginning. A broad atmosphere is what a woman needs. Her whole natural tendency

and the influence of her environment is toward self-centering. There is something in life besides one's own work. Other people have theirs, just as worthy, just as necessary, just as delightful. Let her learn not only tolerance but appreciation and to this end let her work with others while she may, absorbing as much as possible of the general good.

The time of "hobbies" is past. The very word brings to mind eccentricities, peculiarities of dress and of bearing and general unpleasantness of personality. The woman of refinement avoids eccentricity. The man artist no longer affects long hair and questionable finger nails. To go through the largest galleries of painting in Europe, some of the rooms crowded with easels, is a revelation. You might think those neatly cropped men in conventional garb clerks escaped from behind the counter if you did not catch the expression of their eyes. These aproned women in their tailor-made gowns and locks arranged as circumspectly as your own look the business women they really are. They are there for work because they love it, not to make themselves conspicuous in dress or comportment. Some of these are following art as a means of livelihood, but she whose pictures sell in the market presents an appearance in no wise different from her whose efforts are a source of pleasure only to herself.

Therefore let us be specialists. Let us along with other subjects pursue those which we are best fitted by nature to carry on after graduation, knowing that at graduation life has only just begun. Years of growth and achievement stretch themselves out before us. Our real working years lie between the ages of twenty and sixty-five. If life is spared how much may be accomplished !

It may be that the future has gifts and occupations in store for us far other than we dream, and beside which our accomplishment will fade into apparent unworthiness. But in reality it is not so. Nothing entered upon with earnest purpose and conscientious effort is unworthy, nothing which broadens is paltry. Let us then prepare for a happy life by



ANNA BOTSFORD COMSTOCK.

devoting a large part of our preparatory years to finding out what that accomplishment shall be which shall hallow time and brighten the hope of eternity by the consciousness that we did with our one talent what we could.

IDA PRESTON NICHOLS, *Iota*.

Two Iota Alumnae.

Reprint from "Some American Women in Science," in the Feb. *Chatauquan*.

Anna Botsford Comstock was born on Hilltop Farm, in the township of Otto, Catteraugus Co., N. Y., in the year 1854. Her parents, Marvin and Phebe Botsford, were the children of pioneers who emigrated from New England to the wilds of western New York in the second decade of this century. Her maternal grandfather, Job Irish, was a Friend and came from Danby, Vt. Her paternal grandfather, Daniel Botsford, came from Windsor, Conn., and fought with the Connecticut militia in the War of 1812.

Mrs. Comstock's early education was gained in the common district school. When sixteen years of age she was sent to Chamberlain Institute, at Randolph, N. Y.; she completed the college preparatory course at that institution in 1873. In 1874 she entered Cornell University and completed there in 1876 a special course in history and political science.

In October, 1878, she became the wife of John Henry Comstock, professor of invertebrate zoology in Cornell University. Shortly after their marriage Professor Comstock was called to the position of entomologist to the United States Department of Agriculture.

While in Washington Mrs. Comstock made many careful drawings of microscopic insects in order to facilitate investigations undertaken by her husband into the habits of scale insects, at that time threatening to destroy the fruit interests of Florida and California. Later, when Professor Comstock

returned to Cornell, Mrs. Comstock continued to make drawings for his publications. At the same time she entered Cornell University again, this time for the purpose of studying natural history in order to better qualify herself for her scientific drawing. She received the degree of B.S. from Cornell in 1885. She found the methods of reproducing drawings for printing unsatisfactory and in 1886 began to learn wood-engraving, as this seemed the best and most accurate process for delicate and careful illustration. She received instruction at Cooper Union under the tuition of the veteran engraver John P. Davis. In 1895 the results of her work as an engraver, as well as an artist, were published in "*Comstock's Manual for the Study of Insects*," which volume contains over six hundred of her engravings. In 1890 she was elected to the Society of American Wood Engravers because of her proficiency in reproducing texture and color in black and white with her graver; and her work has been exhibited with that of the society in the expositions of America and Europe since that date. "*Insect Life*," by J. H. Comstock, contains many of Mrs. Comstock's later engravings.

Mrs. Comstock's childhood and girlhood spent upon the farm made her an enthusiastic lover of country life, and she believes that the influences of the farm upon the child are of the most wholesome and happy sort. Because of this belief she has for many years lectured more or less before farmers' institutes on the possibilities and ideals of the farm home. Because of this work she was made a member of the Society for Promotion of Agriculture in New York State in 1894. This society, under the chairmanship of Abram S. Hewett and the beneficence of R. Fulton Cutting of New York City, and the direction of George T. Powell, of Ghent, N. Y., inaugurated the experiment of carrying the teaching of agriculture and nature study into the common district schools. Mrs. Comstock assisted in this experiment in the Westchester schools, and later was employed by Cornell University as an instructor in nature study in the University Extension



JULIA W. SNOW.

work among teachers. In this capacity she has taught at Chautauqua in the State Teachers' Institutes for two summers. In December, 1898, she was made assistant professor of zoology (as applied to nature study) in Cornell University, being the first woman to be given the title of professor at that institution.

Mrs. Comstock has her studio at Cornell University next to her husband's laboratory, in order that her work may be done in closest coöperation with him, to insure perfect accuracy. On the walls of her studio are many proofs of engravings given her by the wood-engravers of America. Her collection of engravings, which is large and representative of America's greatest but fast-dying art, is often exhibited to the public.

Mrs. Comstock is at present engaged in engraving some butterflies for a forthcoming book by Prof. Sam. H. Scudder. As soon as these are finished she is to begin upon engravings for another and more extensive work upon general entomology by Professor Comstock.

Dr. Julia W. Snow, of Ann Arbor, connected with the Biological Survey of the Lakes undertaken by the United States Fish Commission, under the charge of Prof. Jacob Reighard, of the University of Michigan, is studying the microscopical plants of the plankton of the Great Lakes, as she is especially interested in the microscopical forms of fresh-water algæ.

Her investigations in another class of plants have been published under the title of the "Conductive Tissue of the Monocotyledonous Plants."

Miss Snow was prepared for college in Hungerford Collegiate Institute at Adams, N. Y., and in 1888 was graduated from Cornell University, receiving her degree of M.S. from the same university. Her degree of Ph.D. was conferred after a post-graduate course at Zurich, Switzerland, in 1893, and in 1896 and 1897 Dr. Snow studied at Basel,

Switzerland. Her own taste for botany and the inspiration received from her brother have determined the trend of her studies in the line of science.

Library Work for Women.

Library work as a profession, as something scientific which must be studied before it can be learned, is of comparatively recent date. It is within less than half a century that the old idea of the librarian as a "keeper of books" began to pass away. Before that time the typical librarian was a scholar and book-worm, who lived among books, knew them, loved them and made it the business of his life to take care of them. The getting books into circulation for the benefit of readers was a minor part of the work. For such a profession the qualifications were those of temperament rather than of training. But there has gradually come about a change in feeling in regard to the duties and responsibilities of libraries. Books are not good in themselves but good only in so far as they are helpful to men and women, and the ideal librarian is not the man or woman who knows most about books, but the one who, by knowledge of book and of human nature, by careful study of methods and grasp of local conditions, succeeds in getting the greatest number of helpful books into the hands of the greatest number of people, and thus puts something of culture or brightness into the largest number of more or less narrowed lives. Work of this sort must be preceded by a preparation for the work, and the profession of the librarian is now being studied scientifically from both the practical and the theoretical side in the same way that law or medicine is studied. Within the last twelve years, training classes have been started in various libraries, and four library schools, offering one and two year courses in that science, have come into existence.

As the profession of the librarian is so new a one, and as the work of the library in this country is constantly growing, this field of work is proving attractive to many college women. Many women of scholarly tastes who do not care for teaching and are anxious to take up some work which offers a chance for public helpfulness, are now entering upon library careers. Though the field is new, it is wide and furnishes work for different tastes. The work may vary from that of a small library where the administrative and routine work can be done by one person, to that of the large college or public library where many assistants are needed and there is opportunity for specialization. Here the woman who is methodical and fond of routine finds herself at home in the cataloging or the classification department, the one who enjoys meeting people and helping them in their work with books finds pleasure in reference work, while to one possessed of executive ability and enterprise, the administrative work of a library opens wide possibilities of advancement and helpfulness. In all these departments women's work is of interest and increasing importance now that our libraries are standing beside our schools as equally necessary elements in American education.

For library work no education and no amount of general information is ever quite sufficient. For the best grade of work a college education is almost a necessity—certainly the more of it a woman has the better equipped she is for this profession. She must possess wide information, interest in her work, endless patience in dealing with people and facts and should not be above taking an interest in details and routine, since it is upon much seemingly unimportant detail that the success of great movements depends. Because of the patience and the faculty for doing well detail and routine work which in some departments is absolutely necessary, women often make better librarians than men, and often enjoy the work more. In a late number of the *Library Journal* the Director of the New York State Library enumerated what he considered the qualities of the ideal librarian. His conclusion was as follows :

"Such shall be the greatest among librarians, and when I look upon the future I am inclined to think that most of the men who will achieve this greatness will be women."

I. G. M.

A Thought Mosaic.

Oriental eyes look out into a heaven tense with the thought, the hope, the fear, the coming to know, which have been the lives of myriad pilgrims. The tardy ages—in the Levant, Time long ago fell asleep—have seen Nature slip slowly, finally out of the book of the Universe—whoso now reads therein finds but God and man. Nature—which hears and interprets and compensates and consoles—has whispered to her children a chance two-score more of secrets, has for a small part become man and then been lost in God. Sometime—as Nature vanished—the quiet mystics of the East must have experienced some quick sense of imagery lost, have felt some chord snap—and then known the flooding thought that they had chanced upon the house of Life. Dim perception, vain intuition, imperfect harmony, all passed and real vision came. And from that time—the East remains the East—a land in which sight becomes knowledge and the real a dream.

From this land, came a straggling band of wayfarers, a wearied remnant, seeking a new home and finding none, journeying always alone—a people set apart from other peoples by some strange birthright—touching the rude tribes through whom they passed—yet untouched by these. The unkindly times scattered them, their ways parted and led them south and north and west beneath silent skies to uncouth men. At first, they had striven to leave their impress upon all others, then upon a few well-chosen—and at last they needs must have a care lest they themselves be turned aside. The power of moulding had gone from them and there only remained to guard that they had. The light

of their torches burned low—suddenly gleamed—and disappeared. Here and there—one glowed and grew black. The light had come and passed—the stolid centuries seemed to have known its presence less than the gloomy pines the pebble that ran down the mountain side.

The function of the remnant is always to be aggressive—with an aggressiveness that neither shocks nor wounds nor embitters—for if it be not so, it forsakes its purpose and yields even before it makes a stand. It owes its existence to the hope which it keeps for human society, to the necessity which makes it the only force that shall move the inert mass of existence. The spirit of the remnant is promise, and its purpose completion. It stamps its part with a courage, a loyalty, a truth of concept and thought that of themselves distinguish. To be counted of the remnant is one of the few great goods that can dominate a life. Such carries with it a recognition of the allegiance due only to the best, implies that naught else has any subjective meaning for one and yet—feels a close sympathy for lesser things. Who is of the remnant, does not seem sure of himself, he is sure—with a knowledge as broad and intuitive as the needs that shall call forth its exercise. Those who hold to the doctrine of the best—whither have they gone in these later years. Are there not some still who carry worthily the relighted torches of the Orient. Where are they found—what manner of people are they—what message do they bring—how well and far are they set forward upon their journey.

The followers of a common doctrine are always attracted to each other, and those that place their faith in the triumph of the best, in the ultimate rule of sweetness and light, are drawn together by an irresistible bond. The struggling into expression of this principle must have largely, if not wholly, influenced the development of the university idea. Certainly, it has been responsible for developing one of the greatest factors of the university system, the fraternity. This is in no sense true of the innumerable organizations that masquerade under the name of fraternities, of those

mere clubs that never came close to a great truth, or—else—have entirely forsaken the path of their founders. But the true fraternity—that in which there is conscious intellectual and spiritual effort toward some high goal—is the bead of gold into which the great seething crucible has reduced all in it that is of the best. Such a fraternity—perhaps even yet it is only an ideal—is assuredly a later day seeking out and welding together of the fragments of that first glorious remnant that long ago over scattered the lands which the sun touches last.

A fraternity looks without rather than within, a club never passes the narrow bounds of itself. The former is an instrument shaped to a purpose, the latter a plaything for idle moments. The work of a fraternity is far too important, the good it can do far too great that it should ever permit its place to be taken, its aim diverted by the selfishness of a club. There should always be a clear perception of the direction pursued, a definite understanding of the end to be reached, and a careful counting of the cost—to others. One passes a hill by climbing it, or by making a detour. It were best perhaps to climb the hill, but if one chooses to pass around, let him bear in mind that merit lies not in the going but in the coming to that which lies beyond. The *raison d'être* of a fraternity is what it does—with a consistent idea in the doing. Not to have done—or to have ceased doing—is a distinctive mark of a club—in which the end to be attained is success, reckoned by the number of members, their aggregate financial and social value and the sum obtained of so-called college honors. A club does all this—and more—for the sake of renown; a fraternity draws its members closely together and strengthens itself for the purpose of again giving of its good.

One great result the fraternity alone can achieve. As it gathers together the intellectuality of its individuals to combine them into a composite of greater force and power, so it must acquire the faculty of developing the spiritual into a coherent something, which shall at once preserve it and

give it the strength to overcome inertia. Rare gifts come only after long deserving. This development in the fraternity of this final and supreme good in the individual stands—like all excellence—upon some dangerous, isolated rock. To obtain it, requires the most incessant striving, the most unfaltering devotion. To have gained it, is the ultimate seal of worth, to have striven and failed, leaves a disfiguring scar.

The future of the university depends in great part upon the fraternity—the future of the individual almost wholly upon its influence. The fraternity should be an exponent of the highest culture and a chief factor in the making culture to prevail. Nobility of thought and steadfastness of purpose make it unique in the forcefulness with which it moulds systems and individuals. In these characteristics is founded the great promise it gives, in whose fulfillment is its laureate.

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ALUMNAE DEPARTMENT.

Gamma Alumnae.

Gamma Alumnae this year seems to be starting out with increased numbers and enthusiasm.

Iota, Lambda, Chi, Alpha, Epsilon, Mu, Eta, Alpha Beta and Alpha Zeta are all represented, and if all our members would only attend all our meetings, we might have a goodly showing of loyal Thetas. But as must be the case in all Alumnae chapters, especially when they are in large cities where distances are great and members busy, our meetings are not as fully attended as we should all wish. However those who can go find the meetings a continued source of helpfulness and strength.

It is particularly pleasant for those of us who have been out of college for some time, to have the young, always loyal sisters, fresh from college and active chapter life join us. We have several this year who seem to be full of promise.

Our meetings for the last few years have been merely social, after the regular routine of business had been dispensed with, and while the meeting together and the social cup of tea were most pleasant and helpful to ourselves, we began to feel we were, perhaps, becoming selfish, that New York being such a large place where there were so many poor and suffering people, the thought came to us that we might help them. So we have commenced in a very small way at first, but which we hope may increase and broaden as the opportunity presents itself.

A committee was appointed who visited the Hudson Guild, 252 W. 26th St., New York, and saw Mr. Elliot, the chief worker. He told us of how greatly their library was in need of magazines and books, so we decided to subscribe for the *Scientific American*, the *Saint Nicholas* and *Harper's Round Table* for the year. Then any one who

has time would be very welcome to go there as helpers, or aid the good work in any way which appealed to them.

Gamma Alumnae is looking forward most pleasantly to the last Saturday in February when she hopes to entertain Alpha Zeta at a luncheon at the Hotel Manhattan. The annual luncheon of our chapter is always a delightful feature of our winter gatherings, and this one will be all the more so on account of the presence of our baby chapter. We are thinking of having it conducted on the progressive plan, and in that way can talk with everyone.

Gamma Alumnae sends love and good wishes to all her sisters.

Kappa Alpha Theta Club of Southern California.

The New Year opened auspiciously for the Theta Club of Southern California. Three new members, Minerva Cook, Catharine Miltimore and Mattie Clark, all Omicron chapter, have added their names to our roll. We are also happy to announce the birth of a Theta daughter, Lois Whipple McCrea.

On the last day of the old year the club gave an informal reception to all Thetas in Southern California at the beautiful home of Mrs. Lee Phillips, twenty-four girls being present. Besides the entertainment afforded by meeting old friends, a guessing game was enjoyed. Beatrix Fox, Mrs. Stivers and Helen Shields contributed music and Katherine Nash readings.

We are now carrying out the line of fraternity work mentioned in the last letter, the program having been outlined for each month through July. At the January meeting the November Journal was reviewed, the letters and articles it contained being discussed by the club.

As was said before, we hope to meet many Thetas during the Convention of the National Teacher's Association to be held here next summer, and will be glad if those intending to come will notify our secretary.

Fraternity Spirit in Alumnae Chapters.

My idea of fraternity spirit in Alumnae Chapters is that it should be identical in degree of enthusiasm with the fraternity spirit evinced in college chapters.

No chapter should exist unless it is so permeated with fraternity spirit that it is an acknowledged power in the great circle of chapters that constitute the fraternity-at-large. Since individual chapters compose the fraternity, if one chapter is lacking in "spirit," just so much is taken out of the fraternity-at-large, hence each chapter is responsible for the "spirit" of the Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity. Fraternity "spirit" implies enthusiasm, loyalty, energy, and a fixed determination that "our chapter must prosper." As the fraternity is made up of individual chapters so each chapter consists of individuals, and one individual lacking a full sense of her personal responsibility brings her chapter below the standard. If one woman in an Alumnae chapter shrinks from taking an office, or a place on a committee, or declines to take part in a programme, her chapter is thereby weakened. For the energy that some one else has to put forth to supply this defect, should have been used in another direction to bring just so much more into the fraternity-at-large. No one should be coerced to join an alumnae chapter, but, after joining, fraternity spirit should impel her to constant activity, rather than to make her like a mill-stone around the chapter's neck.

Fraternity spirit does not measure up to my ideal if it does not draw Kappa Alpha Thetas together, and prompt the organization of an Alumnae chapter or at least a club preliminary to an alumnae chapter. Fraternity spirit is bound to surmount the difficulties of want of finances, time and ability to participate in the social, mental and spiritual development of fraternity alumnae.

In Los Angeles and vicinity—within a radius of ninety miles there are between thirty-five and forty Kappa Alpha Thetas who are out of college. Some of these are teachers,

some are married women with families, while others are young women in society.

Of this number there are just a dozen who have manifested sufficient fraternity "spirit" to surmount difficulties and attend regularly and carry their legitimate share of responsibility of a fraternity club which has been organized chiefly by the efforts of *one* loyal Theta who possesses no undue amount of fraternity spirit.

This club is looking forward to the securing of a charter for the organization of an Alumnae Chapter, in one of the most-favored spots of our great continent—Southern California. Now, it does not take very keen discernment to see that if twelve others who are available, of these forty, had shown the same degree of spirit that was manifested by the twelve before mentioned a model Alumnae Chapter would be organized here which would be a helpful and influential factor in the fraternity.

It is not my idea of fraternity spirit in an Alumnae Chapter to have a membership of eighteen and the burden of the work resting upon the shoulders of ten people. The remaining eight are just as able to contribute time and talent as the working ten are but, undoubtedly, fraternity spirit is lacking.

Again, my idea of fraternity spirit in an Alumnae Chapter is such spirit as will impel the individual to make her influence as a Kappa Alpha Theta felt in the community, in the columns of the JOURNAL, in the active chapters near at hand, and in the fraternity-at-large, whether she be a business woman or a society woman.

IDA BANTA LINDLEY,

Kappa Alpha Theta Club of Southern Cal.

UNDERGRADUATE DEPARTMENT.

When reading the report from the Convention of Beta District, we were particularly interested in the statement that "The desirability of inter-fraternity societies was almost unanimously denied." We wondered why they were deemed not desirable and wish some one would give us the arguments against them.

Inter-fraternity Societies. Perhaps fraternity spirit runs higher here than in most colleges, but it has seemed to

Chi for some time that organizations which would bring the girls of different fraternities into closer sympathy would benefit not only the girls themselves by broadening their interests but also the University by creating more of a college spirit. The rivalry between fraternities is so great here and the tendency to mingle only with our own girls so strong that a need has been felt for some organization of the kind.

Nearly two years ago a society called Eta Pi Upsilon was formed by a few seniors from each girls' fraternity and from the independents, which has helped to some degree in breaking down this exclusiveness. Now the Juniors are making plans for an organization to include all the fraternity girls in the class, and perhaps the independents. The first meeting to talk it over was held in the shape of a thimble party at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house about a week ago. All there had a most enjoyable time and came away with the desire to know all her classmates better and to do more for the University, if possible. The objects and purposes of this organization are to help the girls to become better acquainted and thus broaden them and build up college spirit.

M. V. W. P., *Chi.*

Now that those days are past when we were considering the "new girls" who seemed in the least degree, like Thetas to us, have we laid aside our attitude of criticism?

If great care is not taken by every individual one of us, we soon find that what was a virtue in rushing season, that is true analysis and valuation of a girl with reference to asking her to become a Theta, has now grown to a habit of criticism toward fellow students in general. Still, we analyse, we weigh, we judge, we lay upon the shelf—not maliciously but with a certain pleasurable sense of our own keen insight.

Analysis

versus

Gossip.

And what is the result? Not much harm to our college community, for we do not indulge our taste outside of our own circle, but real harm to ourselves. We are in danger of growing on the one hand abnormally interested in people, of allowing the study of character to become a *hobby*, but on the other hand we may become sadly indifferent, finding on analysis that men are all so alike. Mankind, wayward, impulsive, lovable, with scarcely a motive to analyze—is it now a bore to us in our youth? And are we losing our own warm human qualities, our good faith and kindliness?

If this is not the danger we are in, then there is a Charybdis in the form of gossip! Oh avoid, abhor college, village, every kind of gossip! It is one of the worst faults of a small closely associated community, and the one to which it is most easy to succumb.

Would that the attitude of each of our chapters, as an organization, were one of generous warmheartedness toward its college; for it is only through a feeling of this kind we can reach our fellows, can make them our true friends and can in turn be theirs.

CAROLINE S. HAWKE, *Alpha Beta*.

A senior sat in her cap and gown on a couch covered with pretty pillows, in the library of the fraternity house. Book-

cases lined the walls and a pile of Theta journals was on the table. In her hand she held her diploma

Graduated. with the regulation blue ribbon, just received. As she sat looking out of the window, her face wore a sad expression and her blue eyes looked off into the distance.

None of the other girls had reached home yet. This one had glided out of the stage door as soon as the exercises were over, and had walked back to the house very rapidly and coming in had dropped down on the comfortable couch. She wanted to be alone, and so hurried back before the others.

She had finished college, and though she had a bright future before her, leaving the university made her "blue." The very studies that she had disliked most, came to her now as a great pleasure. How strange it would seem not to get up for an early class and rush across the windy campus to get there just as the gray-haired Greek professor called her name. How well she had learned to calculate just how long it would take him to get that far on his alphabetical roll. How much she thought of the dear old man after all, even if he was a strict teacher.

As she turned from the window where the sun streamed in, she noticed the picture of her fraternity chapter on the wall, with its black and gold frame. Yes, she thought, she would miss her studies and her teachers, but oh, how she would miss these girls. How could she ever get along without them? She would not be at the meetings next year to give careful advice as to new girls. Goodness knows who the girls might take in when they were so enthusiastic during the rushing season. What "hot" discussions they had had so often in fraternity meeting, and how much better they had felt when questions were thus settled. After all, even the freshmen had helped her many times. Now when she was in trouble who would help her out? And oh, the initiations—her eyes were brimful of tears—how she would miss them.

Just then the rest of the girls came in. "Why, Blanche," they cried, "how did you get here so soon? We waited to bring you home." But when they looked at her the second time, they all knew why she had hurried home. She was their first senior, and they felt "blue," too.

After a little more conversation, in which some of the girls tried to cheer her up, one of the freshmen came in. "Say, Blanche, what do you want to teach school for anyway?" she said. It had dawned upon her, too, that she would miss this girl who was continually telling her what she ought not to do and how she should act. She had often thought of her till now as "that crank of a senior."

RHO.

The following are extracts from a "Toast on Fraternities," given at the Annual Banquet of the Swarthmore Alumni in Washington:

It is not difficult to understand the feelings which prompt the formation of fraternity chapters. Man is a social being and society is necessary for his complete development. The boy or girl who enters college with the sole idea of working diligently at books, refusing to give any time to the social side of his nature, to my mind loses one half of the benefits of a college course—he wrongs himself. He may be able to congratulate himself on the fact that he has never lost or wasted a moment of his precious time, but just at the time of his life when friends are made and are needed he allows himself to become a bookworm, an isolated being surrounded by pleasures and cheerful friends, of whom he can claim nothing.

On the other hand you all know of the student who develops the social nature to the detriment of the intellectual. College like the world is made up of all "Sorts and Conditions of Men" (and women).

Now the fraternity combines in its aims the intellectual, moral, and social development, as has been well stated it "unites the heart to heart companionship with the touch of

mind with mind." He who is too studious cannot but appreciate the friendship of his brothers and willingly give some time to their good fellowship. While the other type of student is spurred by the influence of the diligent members to a more earnest striving for learning and a good collegiate standing.

Thus the fraternity is a company of students banded together for the cultivation of deep and lasting friendships and for mutual helpfulness, having at heart the betterment of the individual and the welfare of the college. For he who is loyal to his fraternity is loyal to his college, and the fraternity, if true to itself is always the faithful friend and supporter of the college.

There are those to whom the fact that there is something secret about such an organization and that there are mysteries with which they cannot become acquainted is reason to discountenance the actions and indeed the very existence of the fraternity. Others who are more deliberate in their judgment and are willing to see the good results of fraternity life upon the individual and upon the college admit of its benefits, still wishing nothing were withheld from the world.

To the fraternity man or woman, it is needless to say the fraternity is an institution for which he feels an unbounded love and respect, and to which he owes an invaluable influence in his life, impossible to have been received from any other source. Every Greek will admit that the secrets are minor matters in their fraternity life and aims, being to a great extent a matter of sentiment which binds the members more closely in the bonds of brotherhood. John DeWitt Warner of Cornell, in speaking of fraternities has said:—"Notwithstanding their formation is only in obedience to an ancient and universal love in human nature, they are attacked because they are secret. I have never yet met anyone who knew these secrets whatever they are who thought there was any moral dynamite in them, no one who had shared them who did not acknowledge their wholesome influence in his college life."

Some of you may wonder how the presence of fraternities has influenced the life at Swarthmore. You can all probably recall numerous clubs and cliques which were formed among the students, so you can understand how it is in the very nature of young people to choose a number of friends for their intimate associates. But one of the most important differences between these clubs and the fraternity is the idea of *responsibility* which is instilled into every member of a Greek letter society. The reputation of his or her chapter and also that of the whole fraternity which has chapters in numerous colleges, must be upheld by each individual member and zealously does every true brother or sister strive for a realization of his or her high ideals, for the good standing, intellectually and socially of his or her fraternity, which means good work in the class room, entrance into oratorical and literary contests, and in the general college life a social, generous attitude must be maintained toward the rest of the student body. The idea of seclusion and limited friendship is not the true fraternity idea.

The outside world will never know how many special students have been persuaded to finish the college course through the fraternal influence, how the alumni are kept in close touch with the college affairs and encouraged to be frequent visitors by the fraternity chapter, nor how the welfare of the college is promoted by fraternity members eager to procure desirable students and of spreading the reputation of their Alma Mater.

GRACE A. BROSIUS.

Speaking of our Kappa Alpha Theta journal, I am sure that it is nowhere received with more rejoicing than by Rho, and we read eagerly, and enjoy to the fullest extent, the many useful and helpful articles which fill

What shall the its pages, profiting by them as we should,
Journal Print? I hope.

Yet the question will come up, whether it would not be just as instructive and, if possible, more in-

teresting, if, instead of devoting the whole Journal to serious matter, it might not also contain an occasional clever story, or bright bit of verse.

That Kappa Alpha Theta has much talent in her midst is, of course, a foregone conclusion—why, right here in our own little fraternity paper, *The Appendage*, which is always the most welcome feature of every banquet, and which frequently makes its appearance at fraternity meetings also, it has been proven beyond question that the talent is not lacking, but is here in abundance, and it is doubtless the same in other chapters—why then, would it not be pleasant and instructive as well, to devote some of the space in our Journal to lighter literature? It would show us what progress our sisters were making in other directions, and stimulate all of us to greater effort.

There is many a bright story written for the English class, which never is seen save by the reader who corrects it, and why could not some of these “hidden treasures” be brought to the light and help to brighten the paper we all love so well?

RHO.

We Thetas and all college girls are anxious to be pleasing in social life, but are often too hurried or too thoughtless to give proper heed to our appearance. All ceremonies are in themselves very little things, yet it is only

A few sugges- by the manner that strangers can judge.
tions along the Good manners are a rare gift; nevertheless
social line. they may be cultivated to a great extent.

Though we may see no beauty in the face or form of a new acquaintance, if we perceive charm and ease of manner and conversation, we mark her as a person of refinement and worth. “Fine manners are a stronger bond than a beautiful face. The former bind, the latter only attracts.”

“Study gives strength to the mind, conversation grace.” Both experience and information are necessary to make a good conversationalist. One must mingle with people

having back of this social intercourse well-bred and intelligent minds. A person who can talk well has a great charm for everyone, but that accomplishment is not easy to gain. Almost anyone can chatter or gossip, but, as Ruskin says, "to talk wisely, instructively, freshly, delightfully, is an immense accomplishment. It implies exertion, observation, study of books and people." Most college girls have a sincere desire to converse well, and not having that gift, they seek to cover up the imperfection by exaggerations and slang expressions. Every girl we meet is either "perfectly lovely," "awfully nice," or "terribly disagreeable;" our lessons are "simply terrific." In forming this habit of exaggeration, we lessen the true meaning of the words. A girl feels it no compliment to be "awfully lovely;" she would prefer to be simply "agreeable" while aspiring to be "delightful" or "charming" to her friends. We should be more economical in the use of the highest and best words, and not waste them.

Another habit in which we must not indulge, is the use of unkind words. This custom is destructive and often leaves a deep wound in some sensitive mind. Unkind acts are magnified by the power of the tongue.

"Thoughts unexpressed may sometimes fall back dead,
But God himself can't kill them when they're said."

While we seek to leave off our tendency to fault finding, we should not turn to the opposite error of flattery. We should be more ready and willing to give a helpful word of commendation or sincere praise and, if necessary, kind sympathy, which should be the silver link binding all Theta sisters together.

Natural wit is very sparkling and attractive in conversation, yet it takes great skill to handle such a dangerous gift. Indeed, good judgment and ready tact are absolutely necessary. A person of good common sense is more pleasing in society than one of talent, genius or wealth; for talented people often lack tact and women of genius are usually

absorbed in themselves, while wealth is by no means essential in the social line. William Penn said: "Sense shines with a double lustre when it is set in humility."

So if we Thetas would appear well to our friends and strangers, let us seek to be tactful, simple and sincere in conversation, as in this art, as Emerson says, "woman if not the queen is the law-giver." What a happy gift Madame de Maintenon must have possessed, for it is told that at a dinner the servant slipped to her side saying: "Please, Madame, one anecdote more, for there is no roast to-day." Moreover, let us be helpful to others and earnest to improve ourselves to the best of our ability.

"Fraternity is the reciprocal affection, the sentiment which inclines man to do unto others as he would that others should do unto him.

M. C. T., *Lambda*.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

The date upon which the next chapter letter should be sent out is April 5.

Please write on one side only of the paper, and put the personals on separate sheet headed only by the name of the chapter. Any personal communication to the editor should also be written on a separate sheet.

Please note the way the chapter letters are headed and always arrange them in the same way, putting nothing at the head but the names of the chapter and the university.

Alpha District.

IOTA CHAPTER—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The winter term, with its hard work and short, cold days, has passed, leaving its imprint on every Theta's character, bringing out the true woman in her and developing the strength which is needed for this most work-a-day world. It seems as though the work in the winter term were unusually hard and it demands constant effort to do one's duty in the great mill of the University, which "grinds slowly, but it grinds exceeding small." However, we do not only try to gain that strength and courage so needed when we have to face the world. This would mean a mental or moral deformity, and that is what fraternity influence must avoid. The daughters of Kappa Alpha Theta must be broad in their womanhood and they must be ready to look on life from any point of view. So we take part in all the festivities which the University life offers. During Junior week, Kappa Alpha Theta donned a holiday gown, and with light abandon she danced, knowing that the days of Lent, with its sackcloth and ashes, were drawing near.

The Seniors and Sophomores gave a play in which Kappa Alpha Theta was represented, and on Washington's birthday, an inter-fraternity dance was given, which greatly strengthened the bond of good fellowship between the differ-

ent fraternities. Strong in our own strength and "fraternism," we are glad to give the hand of good-fellowship to our sister Greeks.

A few weeks ago we had an all too short visit from one of our Iota Thetas, Lillian Swift, who brought a whiff of fresh air to us from the outside world. Among the several affairs given in her honor was an afternoon dance given by the Delta Upsilon Fraternity at their house.

LAMBDA—VERMONT UNIVERSITY.

The last of January, and Vermont University dons her semi-annual garb of diligence. The unsophisticated might suppose this to be the effect of New Year's Resolutions. But *we* know that it is just the week before "mid-year's" and that every one is cramming, or trying to convince himself that he ought to cram. After examinations will come a reaction with the Junior Promenade, which is the social event of the year.

Perhaps this will not seem to you like a letter from Northern Vermont, or Burlington in particular, if nothing is said about the weather or the Lake. Champlain has been very gay of late, for the ice attracts hundreds of skaters and especially students. The girl who cannot skate thinks herself very unfortunate.

Lambda is interested in all the sports and work of the college, as she tries to live among and for those outside her own circle, yet she has her special delights and ambitions, and this year is proving a happy and profitable one for her. She extends cordial greetings and best wishes to all.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

The winter term so far has passed very quietly at Allegheny. We have with us again Isabel Clingensmith, who has been absent from our circle for some time.

We have had no initiation this term, but on Wednesday afternoon, January the twenty-fifth, we pledged Bessie Dutton, daughter of our Professor of Mathematics.

Two of our girls have just returned from Pittsburg where they were sent as delegates to the Y. W. C. A. Convention.

There are very few new girls in college this term, so we have returned to our old plan of rushing ourselves. We have been entertained by several of our town girls and have enjoyed ourselves very much at our weekly chapter meetings. We have taken up the plan of studying our constitution and the fraternity history as the educational committee advised.

We were delighted to have Miss Sloane of Chi with us for a short time the latter part of last term.

Harriet Reitze spent several weeks at her home in Meadville. We enjoyed having her at our meetings once more.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Theta, plunged in the ordeal of mid-winter examinations, has been almost too busy to write. Cramming and worry were the order of the day. But emerging from the depths of mental struggle Theta sisters re-entered the world of social life. We have long wished for a day when our friends could call and be sure to find us at home. In pursuance of this idea, Theta issued cards announcing as her "At Home" day the first Tuesday of each month. The first one came last week. Many city friends and woman students were received at the chapter house. Every one enjoyed this informal meeting of friend with friend. With the "At Home" days, Theta has introduced into college social life a new custom, which it is hoped may prove a source of pleasure and profit for many months to come.

Our freshmen girls, assisted by the sophomores, will entertain friends from the class of 1902 at the chapter house, on Tuesday evening, February twelfth.

Wedding bells are again heard in Chi. At her home in Mexico, N. Y., on February 8, Miss Gertrude E. Virgil, a teacher in the Hamilton High School, was united in marriage to Mr. Wallace E. Brown, '98, of Syracuse University. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will be at home in this city. Thetas

are rejoicing over the addition of one more name to their list of city alumni.

Mrs. Frederick Peters, of Fishkill, New York, made us happy by a week's visit not long since.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Alpha Beta has just experienced that happiest and longest remembered function of fraternity life, the annual banquet. January 28th, found twenty-six girls in a charmingly decorated banquet hall in Media, the home of so many of our Alumnae. Our banner and colors played a prominent part in the decorations—the gold and black so dear to every Theta. Hannah Clothier Hull, presided as toast-mistress with all the added dignity and grace of her new title. The following toasts were given :

Theta Friendships,.....	Lydia P. Williams, '97
Wee Kittens,.....	Susan E. Atkinson, '02
Moral Influence of Theta,.....	Annie Hillborn, '92
" Oh wad some power the giftie gie us	
To see oursel's as ithers see us ! "	

Helen T. Sullivan, '00

College Loyalty,.....	Margery Pyle, '00
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After a thoroughly merry time, we returned to Swarthmore's halls with renewed courage and confidence inspired by the ever-helpful contact with our Alumnae.

The residence of Mrs. Wm I. Hull, née Hannah H. Clothier, in the close vicinity of the College means much to us all. Mrs. Hull's sister, Caroline Clothier, a freshman Theta, gave a reception for her in one of our rooms not long ago, "the feast of reason and flow of soul" being amply supplemented by more substantial refreshments.

Louise Curtiss, '96, from Maryland, spent about a month in or near Philadelphia and favored us several times with flying visits. It does one's heart good to see the "old girls," and hear all about their good times and experiences in that world from which we are more or less excluded.

The real power and value of fraternity ties, their precious meaning and elevating influence are impressed more and

more strongly on this little band of Theta sisters. Fifteen girls, all with individual ideas and characteristics, each with decided notions of her own—yet we seem more and more to grow into a close and sympathetic fellowship, to understand and appreciate the good in each other, drawn together by the same ideals, the same noble purpose to make of ourselves living examples of Theta womanhood.

ALPHA DELTA—THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

Alpha Delta sympathizes deeply with one of her senior members, M. Onnolee Countryman, in the loss of her sister, Edith Countryman Hedrich. Mrs. Hedrich was an enthusiastic Theta of Chi chapter and a cultured woman of beautiful character, who is mourned by many friends.

Wednesday afternoon of each week has been chosen by our chapter for our mid-week meet. Our Theta cosy corner then becomes the scene of a care-free good time, to which the hum of the tea kettle brings an unfailing inspiration. Alumnae, sorores in urbe, and pledged girls gather around for a gay hour of frolic to which we all look forward eagerly. On Wednesday, our circle gathered at the home of Alice Bennett, 1902, who entertained us royally. A fine spread was most daintily served.

Through the generosity of our alumnae, our chapter room has received several handsome additions. We feel that it is fast gathering to itself the choicest memories of Theta ties and old association.

Our chapter meetings unite in helpful proportion, we believe, the pleasant and the profitable. Our greatest lack now is an abundant supply of Theta songs to help us to realize that our chapter is but a link in a strong sisterhood of Thetas—a need which we hope may be promptly met by the appearance of the new song book.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY.

No great events have occurred in our college or chapter life since the last letter was written. We are very happy,

and, as we become more intimately acquainted with our 1902 sisters, we feel that the position of Kappa Alpha Theta in Brown University is secure for the next three years, at least.

On January twenty-first, our sister, Katherine Littlefield, gave a tea to which she invited a number of Thetas, and several men from Alpha Delta Phi, her brother's fraternity.

Our last meeting was a sewing-circle and whist-party combined, with a supper afterwards, at Martha Watt's home. It was then that we discussed the last important details concerning our reception and dance, to be given February twenty-second.

Elizabeth Norton (now Mrs. Canfield) of Lambda, to whose wedding Alpha Epsilon recently received an invitation, was present at one of our evening meetings a few months ago. We were glad to meet her, and to have her helpful suggestions.

ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE.

"Exams," past, present, and future, have been, not the only, but the chief subject of thought and conversation in our chapter room for the past two weeks, and will continue to be so still another week. We are in the midst of them; some of us taking them philosophically and cheerfully; others, worried not at all, but nevertheless burning an abundance of midnight oil and consequently indulging in occasional headaches, not conducive to philosophical cheerfulness.

Since the holidays we have been doing nothing at all in a social way, that is, nothing recognized by the college. The chapter room, however, has witnessed one or two functions that might be called social, and that in the future we shall number among the remembrances of our really "jolly times" at college, for which there was such a strong plea in the November Journal.

Another function we have had since the holidays, somewhat more serious, the initiation into the chapter of Harriette

Pratt, 1901. Though she has worn the "kite" only a month, we feel as though she had been one of us always.

We shall soon be able also to introduce our hoped for initiates from 1902. Rushing day is but a few weeks off. Rushing is not evident on the college surface, but nevertheless it exists, and Alpha Zeta will fully appreciate the calm and satisfied rest that she hopes and expects will follow that all-important day.

Beta District.

ALPHA—DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

We should like to introduce to all Thetas a new little sister, Ethel McWhirter, of Indianapolis, who was initiated at the beginning of the present term, when she entered upon her freshman year. Her sister, Luella, is already one of us, and we looked forward eagerly to the time, when Ethel also could put on the badge of Kappa Alpha Theta.

An invitation was extended by Zeta Alumnae, of Indianapolis, to Alpha Chapter to attend one of their meetings held on the 28th of January, at the home of Mrs. J. Clark, formerly of Alpha Chapter. The College State Oratorical which occurred on the preceding day, made it possible for five of our number to be present, and enjoy a very pleasant afternoon. Among the new faces, alumnae and members of other chapters, whom it was a pleasure to meet, we were glad to see again the many familiar faces of our own alumnae.

We feel that the selection of Indianapolis as the seat of the next Grand Convention would be a wise one, aside from the advantage it would be to us to have the Convention so near.

We feel honored in the selection by the Faculty of one of our seniors, Elizabeth McIntosh, to speak on the 22nd of February, Washington's Birthday. This is the first time this honor has been given to a young lady, and we hail with delight every evidence of the old prejudices giving way,

which formerly opposed the granting of like privileges to women, especially that of their admission to the Society of Phi Beta Kappa, which until last year was denied at Depauw.

BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

When the rushing season and the spike are over, and the Christmas vacation has given us time to collect ourselves and to get our breath for a fresh start, the winter term finds us Beta girls nothing more or less interesting than a busy lot of hard working, humdrum students. Since that is "the intention," however, and the avowed purpose of being here, it is doubtless a thing for congratulation and not for apology.

This term being short and condensed as to work, is conducive to rushing of a different sort—not as amusing, perhaps, as the other, but good, considered in the light of training. It consists mainly of rushing to breakfast on dark winter mornings at half-past seven, and to recitations at eight. The fact that we do it—and sometimes cheerfully—says something for our earnestness, doesn't it?

It is rather a rest, after all, to settle down with no particular "Frat. business," and only lessons to look after. The new girls are all "old" now, and in this connection at least, do not object at all to the adjective. After some changing about and a good deal of worry and work on the part of the business manager, the chapter house is filled again this term and the girls there wouldn't live anywhere else.

On February 11 we shall give our "termly" open meeting—the subject of much open grumbling and secret enjoyment with everyone of us.

There is one thing for which the girls deserve much commendation of late, and that is the interest they are taking in the programs for our weekly meetings. The program for each meeting is put into the hands of two or three girls and as yet not one has "begged off" except for a good excuse. It certainly marks an epoch in the history of program committees.

The fact that there is nothing to tell about ourselves testifies to our state of tranquility. But when spring comes it may rouse us to all sorts of indefinite ambitions and wild schemes, and we may have something or other interesting to report.

It would be an unpardonable oversight not to mention here that we have been entertained this term by both Pi Beta Phi, and Delta Gamma, in the most delightful way.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

It is needless to say that when your last letter reached us through the mid-winter Journal, they found us extremely busy, for the college girl everywhere, knows how much work and fun can be crowded into the three short months of the winter term. And Delta has had opportunity to learn both sides of the question.

On the evenings of February third and fourth, we gave two informals for the success of which we are much indebted to one of our patronesses, Mrs. John R. Trevett.

To-day our University enjoyed a visit from a large company of our state senators and representatives. A most enthusiastic mass-meeting was held in their honor, at which many of them spoke. Almost all talked very encouragingly of the prospects for a Woman's Building at Illinois. We are much interested, for we feel that such a building would attract many more girls to our University.

Since our last letter, we have initiated one more of our pledgings, and now Edith M. Wright wears our badge.

Delta most heartily sends fraternal greetings.

EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

The new term has come, and is partly gone, and we all have been kept hard at work. Already we are counting the weeks until the Easter holidays, when we shall see our loved ones again.

At the close of last term we initiated Grace Anderson,

whose bright, happy self we most gladly welcome into the mystic circle. Our weekly meetings have been very helpful and enjoyable and we feel we are true sisters indeed.

During the winter we had the great pleasure of having Mrs. Blanche Curry Esterly and Miss Anna Yergin, two of our alumnae, in town. We gave a small chafing-dish party in their honor, in our fraternity rooms, and spent a delightful evening. All the music-loving girls gathered about the piano, and sang our old favorite songs until faculty hours arrived. We have a Theta quartette now, which has won quite a reputation for itself, and often sings for us at our meetings.

May you all have a happy Easter.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The first semester has just closed and the last two weeks have been very busy with preparations for final examinations.

Now we are looking forward to our second initiations, when Irene Baker and Olive Blanchard will be received into our mystic circle.

Eta is as enthusiastic as ever, and we only regret that heavy work at college leaves too little time for the helpful visiting together, when the seniors can give welcome suggestions and the freshmen learn the joys of Fraternity life.

KAPPA—KANSAS UNIVERSITY.

The most delightful thing that has taken place in Kappa Chapter for a long time, was the banquet which we gave on the twenty-eighth of January to celebrate the anniversary of the fraternity. We send invitations all over the state to all the Alumnae members of our chapter, asking them to be with us, and you may judge of how eagerly we watched the mail for several weeks beforehand to find out who were coming. The day of the banquet we had something very much like a western blizzard, and we were distressed be-

cause it was so hard to get around and we were afraid, too, that it would keep away some of our visitors. In spite of the "wind and weather" we had twenty out-of-town guests. We had the banquet in Journal Hall. There was an informal reception at half past six and it was a treat to see the cordial greetings of some of the older Thetas who had not met in years. One of them had not been here for thirteen years. We sat down to the supper at half past seven, fifty-four strong. The table was set in the form of the Greek letter Pi, and it looked lovely indeed. Smilax with daisies twined into it trailed from one end of the table to the other. Glistening candelabras were set at intervals, and at all the places were little black candlesticks with yellow shades. The menu cards were black and yellow pansies painted in water color by the girls, and contained the menu and the list of toasts. Mrs. Julia Wiley of Topeka, was the caterer, and during the serving we had soft music from a mandolin orchestra. Mrs. F. H. Hodder (née Moon) of Iota, acted as toastmistress, and played her part perfectly, being both witty and wise. The list of toasts were:

"The Twin Stars," -----Miss Clara Gillham, of Lawrence
 "From 1866-1899," ----Miss Elizabeth Wilder, of Kansas City, Mo.
 "The Fraternity Journal," -----Miss Grace Poff, of Lawrence
 "The Legal Profession," ----Mrs. Samuel Wallace-Moore, of Kansas
 [City, Mo.]

"From a Soldier's Point of View,"--Miss Rose Watson, of Lawrence
 "The Genus Homo,"-----Miss Clara Lynn, of Kansas City, Mo.

Among the guests were: Mrs. Harrison Morgan, (née Mulvane), of Topeka, a charter member of Tau and Mrs. Paul Learnard, (née Dyke) a member of Lambda Chapter.

Kappa sends greetings to her sister Thetas every where.

NU—HANOVER COLLEGE.

Four weeks of the new term are gone and the Thetas are busily engaged in their intellectual pursuits. Needless to say we were all rejoiced to meet each other again after the

brief separation at Christmas, and the grades of last term's work have given new inspirations for the work of this term. We are proud to say that our sisters are doing the best work in college. Dell Gossard, one of our freshmen, received the highest grades in her class, and this is a great honor as this class has a number of exceptionally fine students.

It was with the deepest regret and sorrow that we learned that one of our number, Jessie Stewart, would on account of ill-health, be unable to return to us at the beginning of the new year. However, before she left we entertained in her honor in true Theta style by a luncheon given at our hall. We hope to have her with us next year.

We are glad to welcome Fayth Holmes, who was unable to return last fall on account of a severe siege of typhoid fever. After so long an absence she feels the joys of fraternity life and is an inspiration to the rest of us.

We feel very proud to introduce to you our three charming patronesses, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Lowes and Mrs. Goodin—the two former being wives of professors in the college. We are especially fortunate in having them connected with us in this way.

A short time before Christmas the Sigma Chi gave a sleighride, to which a number of our girls were invited. On the first Saturday night of this term the Beta Theta Pi entertained our chapter on a sleighride, followed by an oyster supper.

Quite a number of our girls attended the State Oratorical Contest, held at Indianapolis last month, and enjoyed meeting the Thetas of other chapters.

Our chapter has continued her accustomed exclusiveness in pledging this year, and feel amply rewarded in gaining the four we initiated last term. Only one bid was lost, and though we regretted it very much, it was unavoidable. The girl whom we asked was a typical Theta and was very anxious to join us. But her father opposed it as she will not return to college next year. We were greatly disappointed over our loss, but she is a true Theta in spirit if not in reality.

Just now we are occupied with our reception to be given February 10, at the home of Glendora Ramsey. About a hundred invitations have been issued, and all anticipate a pleasant time.

With best wishes to all.

PI—ALBION COLLEGE.

Winter, when he rules in earnest, is such an absolute monarch that he not only puts all nature to sleep and covers it with a fleecy mantle, but also congeals our spirits and puts all social gaieties, for the time being, from our minds. The thermometer falls several degrees daily, and though skating and sleighing are so enticing, our cruel monarch forbids us to indulge in these pleasures under penalty of frozen ears and fingers. So it is that we stay in our rooms and court our chafing dishes and fire-places.

This is the time, too, when we shine with meteoric brightness in the class room, and undoubtedly the faculty, quite awed by our brilliancy, thank their stars that there are a few weeks of extremely cold weather.

Since Pi last wrote, she has celebrated a great and glorious achievement. Each of her members earned a dollar for the lodge, and we had an "experience meeting," followed by a marsh-mallow roast. We are sorry that we cannot repeat all of our experiences—one of our most sacrificing sisters actually wrote only one letter a week, instead of two, for three weeks and thereby saved six cents. Another boarded herself for eight days, we supposed on Goethe's favorite diet, bread and tears, but when we insisted upon hearing her menu, we learned that she fared so sumptuously, that we all declared ourselves willing to earn another dollar in that way. Of course some of us had built a dozen different air-castles of our princely wealth, but our more practical sisters soon shattered them, and we decided to spend it in a very prosaic way—to put the crowning glory to our lodge by a kitchen floor. Grace Powell Miller, one of Theta's pledglings of yore, was with us that evening.

Next Wednesday evening, should the fates—which for us consist of the faculty and the weather—be propitious, we are to give a progressive skating party, with a spread at the lodge afterwards.

We are very happy in having with us at present one of our dearest Theta sisters, Mabel Bliss, ex-'00.

The basket ball player is at present the hero or heroine of of the hour. Albion has won all the games played this winter. Several of our girls are among the star players on the ladies' team.

Until the unusually cold weather leaves us, we feel like Mrs. Grummidge, "lone, lorn creeturs," but from her snow-bound corner Pi sends best wishes to all her sister chapters till we meet again.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

In these last days of the first semester, it is well to take a backward glance over the things that have been, with an eye to the "might have been's" also.

Rho sees, as a reward for the internal unity she strives to cultivate, three new Thetas, whom she is more than proud to introduce to her sister chapters. Eugenia Gettner and Anna Edgren were initiated January seventh, and Rose Carson was formally pledged January twenty-fifth.

Rho also sees, from the sudden increase of diamond rings, worn on "der ring finger" and presented by Santa Claus, that the fraternity is about to suffer a loss or two.

That is looking into the future, however, and not a resumé of the past.

We have entertained very little this winter, save an occasional spread for ourselves. One of the jolliest of these affairs was a Theta Christmas Tree which Leola Vancil gave just before the holidays. The gifts, except flowers and bonbons from some of our men friends, were jokes, aptly suited to the recipients, and were greeted with shouts of appreciation. The popular girl received a string of scalps, the bookworm, a package of pepsin gum "for indigestion",

the undecided one, a toy fiddle, and in a few minutes, a second fiddle.

Two of our alumnae, Mrs. Ansley and Lena Loomis, sent every member of Rho a dear little doll needle book in black and gold, as a Christmas remembrance, and artful reminder of the domesticity they wish us to aspire to.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Tau is busy. That is the sum and substance of her life nowadays. Semester exams have come and gone, giving us new chances to win laurels for Theta. Social life is waking up with fraternity parties, Junior Promenade, junior play, etc.

We have been having such cosy little meetings. Our president has recovered enough to have us meet at her home, and the neat little suppers with no dishes to wash are spoiling us. Miss Irene Parks gave us a charming musicale and also had a palmist as a fascinating feature of the evening's entertainment. Then, too, we received all the young women in the university at an informal tea in December. We heard the term "broadest" applied to us after that and naturally felt complimented. And so we are an earnest working band, and the most congenial in the land.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

"We, the girls of Upsilon Chapter" have had a sweet and inspiring revelation within the last two weeks. We have always been proud of our beloved fraternity—the first known among women—and it has meant more than we can tell, to us. It has taught us what true self sacrificing friendship is—we have derived inspiration from being a member of its sisterhood. But that the name of Theta could call together from all parts of the State of Minnesota, women, many of whom have not been identified with active fraternity life, has caused us to regard the magic word with a new reverence. For, on January twenty-seventh, we held our first annual banquet in commemoration of Founders'

Day, at the Holmes Hotel. It was truly "a sight for sair een"—the long table with its "bright and shining faces." Winifred Sercombe of Psi, our former grand president, at its head as toastmistress. And right royally did we toast dear old Kappa Alpha Theta. The following is the program :

"When I was in College,"	Gertrude Gibbs
The Present,	Foi Hotchkiss
Fads,	Sophie Pendergast
The College Youth,	Marion Chapmau
The Theta Maiden,	Alice Jackson
"Queen's Gardens,"	Justina Leavett Wilson

We were especially rejoiced to have several of the charter members present and also three or four representatives from other chapters.

I wish that all you sister Thetas could know our new pledged girl, Blanche Stanford. We have called her ours just a week, but "to know her is to love her." We shall be happier still when we have initiated her into the mysteries of Kappa Alpha Theta.

New Year's Monday we had a very delightful time receiving our men friends at the home of Mrs. Conway McMillan. Before the Christmas vacation we unbent our natural dignity and gave a sleighing party, going from Minneapolis to St. Paul on bobs and stopping for supper and dancing at the home of Alice Woodman, one of our St. Paul girls.

Next week takes place the mid-winter social event of the University—the Junior Ball. When its echoes die away, we settle down, staid, sober, studious, and prepare for the second term examinations three weeks later. Life seems all heaviness when we are in the throes of cramming, but we know that without the quizzes and exams. the pleasures would not be half so sweet.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Madison has had a terrible week of cold weather so that one has hardly talked of anything but the weather which will, perhaps, account for the lack of news.

Psi is happy to introduce to your kindly notice, two brand new Thetas, who went through the joys and sorrows of initiation directly after Christmas. Their names, Laura and Jeannette Sage, were given in the last JOURNAL. The initiation, which was an exceedingly successful affair, was held at the home of Mrs. Austin, one of our old girls.

We are also very fortunate in being able to give you the names of two new Thetas to be—Katherine Button and Edna Bolander—who are to be initiated in about two weeks.

We are about the busiest people at the present time that one could find because this is our week of final examinations. It is a curious sight to see the different people coming from an examination—some look so bright and hopeful and others look—Oh ! so discouraged.

We are to have our next social meeting at the home of Mrs. Jackson, a Theta, and we are anticipating a good time because the seniors have charge of it and it can't fail to be a success.

The Junior "Prom.", the most elaborate social affair of the college year, is to take place next Friday night—the tenth. Besides the "Prom." some of the fraternities are going to give formal dinners while others are going to give receptions. A number of the girls who are going are very anxious for Friday to come.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

There has been a society whirl in University circles generally. Formal follows formal with now and then an informal for the sake of variety. Alpha Tau Omega entertained with a very pleasant party at The Normandy, January 30th.

After the semester examinations which closed February 6th a new impetus seemed to be given to the pleasure seeking world. On February the tenth the Junior Hop was given. This showed a great amount of class and college spirit.

Kappa Alpha Theta gave its annual Formal at The Chit-

tenden on the seventeenth of February. On the reception line beside the representatives from the active chapter were Professor and Mrs. Knight and Dean and Mrs. Hunter. About one hundred and fifty enjoyed the festivities of the evening, the majority of whom were college people, the remainder were city and out of town friends of the chapter.

Mrs. Lillian Krumm Wilson entertained the active and alumnae Thetas with a reception at her lovely home on Bryden Road, January 28th. All the girls of Alpha Gamma were very much delighted to meet Mary James, a former Epsilon girl. She brought into our circle a ray of true Theta sunshine.

Edna Luse came back to college this semester and needless to try to express how happy all the nine active Thetas were to welcome a tenth.

It would be impossible to tell how fortunate Alpha Gamma is in her alumnae. We have united fraternity meeting with our alumnae chapter and by this and many other ways not only keep acquainted with them but learn to know them better and better.

May the greatest success attend the undertakings of each sister chapter.

Gamma District.

PHI—LELAND STANFORD, JR. UNIVERSITY.

Phi sends greetings and good cheer to all the sister chapters.

We feel that our fraternity life is even fuller of Theta love and enthusiasm since two of our "old girls," Elizabeth Hogue and Dorothea Rath have re-entered college. Then too, four more of the girls are living at the house, making twelve of us in the family. We are wishing that we might have a house large enough to hold the entire chapter, for one must necessarily lose some of the delights of fraternity life by not living in the chapter house. We make the house in every sense a home. In accordance with the

Stanford spirit, Phi prides herself on her hospitality. Very often, we have the most delightful informal dinners, with some of the faculty or the students as guests. One of the characteristics of Stanford life is the close friendship between the faculty and the students. Dr. Jordan speaks of the university life as that of a "large family."

On the 27th of January, we celebrated the twenty-ninth anniversary of Kappa Alpha Theta by wearing small bows of black and gold, and by having what we call a "house birthday." Each girl presented the house with a present. The class of '01, gave a silver berry spoon. Besides this, there were some very pretty additions to the household furniture in the way of china and pictures. We were especially indebted to our Theta mother, Miss Maxwell, who gave us a surprise birthday dinner. The Japanese boy baked the birthday cake with "K. A. Θ., 1870-1899" on the frosting and twenty-nine candles encircling it. We sang songs and had a jolly Theta time, just among ourselves.

We are already planning for the convention which we hear is to be held at Indianapolis. No doubt it will be a very pleasant convention and Phi hopes a profitable one.

Phi closes with best wishes for Kappa Alpha Theta.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

How time flies for us busy college girls! Such a little while ago it seems since we wrote of our autumn initiation and our new freshmen—now our freshmen have lost their "newness" and we are looking forward to another initiation.

Next week we shall welcome into Theta, Mabel Jordan and Katherine Bunnell, both of the class of 1902. We feel that with these two we shall close a most successful rushing season. It has been a disappointment to us to feel that Amy Furlong had but a glimpse of fraternity life, but we are hoping that her health will permit her to return to college next year.

We have all been very much interested in the establishment of a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa here. It, doubtless,

will promote the standing of the university and hold forth an incentive to high scholarship. By high scholarship we should mean a broad and liberal culture ; but too often the college woman is a mere machine, a "dig" who forgets there is aught in the world outside of books.

One of Omega's girls, Julia Morgan, '94, has won laurels abroad, being the first woman to enter the architecture department in the École des Beaux Arts. The entrance examinations are said to be among the most difficult in Europe, especially the mathematics, which is extremely technical. Only ten foreigners are admitted each year and Miss Morgan ranked third among the number. She tells an amusing story of her mathematics examination, which was oral and of course in French. She presented herself on the morning of the examination before the examining committee and, much to her surprise, found the class room crowded. The students had gathered there to see "la merveilleuse jeune femme" pass the examinations. We are proud and happy to think that such distinction has come to one of our girls.

PERSONALS.

ALPHA.

Miss Mintie Allen, class of '94, of Greencastle, has been elected Instructor in Rhetoric in Depauw University.

Dorothy Howe and Grace Michaels, who attended Ohio Wesleyan University during the first term, has returned to Depauw.

BETA.

Laura Woodburn and Maude Showers have returned to college and are again active members of our chapter.

Nellie Bowser completed her course last term and is now at home in Indianapolis.

Katherine Schaefer, '98, of Richmond, visited us and saw the student play, January 19th.

Helen Binbridge and Agnes Reynolds represented the Thetas in the cast for the student play.

DELTA.

Miss Isabelle Noble, '96, now holds the position of Instructor in Physical Culture in the public schools of Hartford, Conn.

Miss Bertha Pillsbury, '95, is Instructor in Rhetoric at the University of Illinois.

Miss Grace Espy Morrow, '98, has accepted a position in the schools of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

ETA.

We are expecting Susan Patterson and Sina Smith to spend a few days with us next week.

Carrie Bliss Mowry visited the Chicago girls at Christmas time.

Miss Alice Pollock of Ravenswood, Ill., is the guest of her sister Jane.

KAPPA.

Marion Innes returns this month from a year's travel in Europe.

Pearl Constable, one of this year's Thetas, has been obliged to leave the University on account of ill health. She is in El Paso, Texas, spending the winter months.

Jane Thomas is teaching in Atchison.

LAMBDA.

Katherine Parker, '01, has left college on account of illness.

Mrs. Pearl Abby Jones, '93, has recently come to Burlington to live.

Mrs. Clara Pease Newton, '80, has renewed her interest in Lambda by a short visit in the city and about the university. She is living in Andover, Mass., where Mr. Newton is professor of German in Phillips Academy.

Married—Dec. 29, 1898, Elizabeth Norton, '96, to Thomas Hawley Canfield, '96, at Albany, N. Y. Lake Park, Becker Co., Minnesota, will be their home after February, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Canfield are now making a short visit in Burlington before going West.

RHO.

Harriet Lement Packard, of Chicago, is expected in Lincoln, February 9th.

Jessica Aline Morgan has been elected to full membership in the English Club.

PHI.

Miss Florence Hughes and Mrs. Adelaide Perry Newsome, of Beta, were our guests of honor at the January at home.

Miss Sue Kingsbury has been at the university attending a history seminary.

Miss Ada Edwards will go to the University of Nevada to coach a basket-ball team this month.

Miss Margaret Deming is a student at the Sorbonne, Paris, in the department of literature.

OMEGA.

Lulu Heacock, '92, is teaching French and Latin in the Alameda High School.

The engagement of Lucretia Watson, '98, to Mr. Grant Taylor, of New York, is announced.

The engagement of Mary McLean, '95, to Mr. Warren Olney, Jr., is announced. Mr. Olney is a graduate of the class of '91, and a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Mrs. Thomas McCrea (Lou Whipple, '96,) has a little daughter. They have named the baby Lois Whipple McCrea.

ALPHA BETA.

The engagement is announced of Emily I. Brooks, '96, to John Austin, of Philadelphia.

Lucy B. Price, '96, has been re-elected Secretary of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Helen and Annie Hillborn gave a tea for Alpha Beta Chapter in their home in Swarthmore, some weeks ago.

ALPHA DELTA.

In a recent letter, Cora Lee Gardner, '97, described a delightful call at Eta Chapter House, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Eva M. Blake, '97, has been elected first assistant editor of the *The Cresset*, published by The Woman's Medical College, New York City.

Zora M. Baker, ex-1900, is studying music at Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio.

M. Onnolee Countryman, '99, and Alice J. Dingen, 1901, after several weeks absence, have returned to College again.

WEDDING BELLS.

CHI.

At her home in Mexico, N. Y., on February 8th, 1899, Miss Gertrude E. Virgil was united in marriage to Mr. Wallace E. Brown, '98, Syracuse University. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will be at home in Syracuse, N. Y.

ALPHA BETA.

The marriage of Hannah H. Clothier and Dr. Wm. J. Hull took place at the bride's home, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, on Dec. 27th, 1898.

ALPHA.

On Wednesday, Dec. 21st, 1898, occurred the wedding of Grace Oglesby Carter, of the class of '95, and Mr. Edgar Davis, also of Depauw '96, and a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity. The wedding took place at Greencastle, Ind., but Mr. and Mrs. Davis are now at home at 122 East 17th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

TAU.

Miss Lois Rice, '94, was married on January 26, '99, to Mr. Frederick McMuller of Evanston. The bridesmaids were Miss Alta Miller, '97, Miss Lillian Rice, '94, Miss Grace Dietrich, '97.

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EDITORIAL.

The next number of the JOURNAL will be an historical one and will contain articles upon the history and work of the fraternity since the year of its founding. It was at first intended to publish the history in a pamphlet by itself but this idea was abandoned for the present one of publishing an historical number of the JOURNAL. The chapter letter department will give the customary yearly reports that are published each year in the May number, and a short history of each chapter will take the place of the usual chapter letter. When first planning this number it was suggested that, in response to many requests, the chapter pictures should be printed with the reports and histories, but lack of space made it necessary to abandon this idea. We will endeavor to send out the May number as near the beginning of the month as possible, the lateness of this number and the omission of the editorials are due to the illness of the editor which prevents her from doing her work.

EXCHANGES.

The *Trident* for February introduces to the Greek world their new chapter at the Baltimore Woman's College. A short sketch and numerous fine views of the buildings and interiors give a very clear conception of the college.

The novel plan of asking opinions from the different chapters as to the ideal fraternity girl, has brought forth several interesting sketches. We quote the following :

"The ideal fraternity girl is one who is loyal, frank, and true ; a girl who takes deep interest in fraternity life and who is an earnest worker. A girl with character, who makes other members of the fraternity proud to have her one of them ; a girl who carefully distinguishes between right and wrong and lives up to the true and noble as best she can.

"A girl with a social disposition, who is cordial and affable to all, to members of other fraternities as well as to her own, for exclusiveness is to be avoided.

"A girl with scholarship, not a grind, for she is stupid, but one who is generally well prepared with her lessons and is liked by the professors.

"A girl who tries to overlook the faults of her friends and aids them by her example.

"When our chapters become composed of such girls our fraternity will certainly be 'the ideal fraternity.'"

We especially applaud the following :

"When we speak of the ideal fraternity girl, we are apt to think of her as being possessed of certain distinctive qualities which do not belong to those outside the Greek world. We forget that the ideal fraternity girl is simply the ideal woman, and that fraternity life is a training school in which special attention is paid to the cultivation of those qualities that go to make up the perfect woman."

The December *Scroll* has several admirable articles concerning matters of general fraternity interest.

A careful account is given of "Fraternity Badges and Other Emblems," and a table of "Chapter Houses Owned or Rented by the Men's General Fraternities," puts into

compact form all the houses of all the fraternities over the United States.

An article of great interest that shows elaborate care and study is one on "College Annuals." Each annual is considered in turn and due mention is given to the different Phi's who have won honors at their various Alma Mater's.

The February *Scroll* is filled with an account of the semi-centennial convention held at Columbus, Ohio, during November of last year. The Thetas of Ohio State University gave them a reception at the home of Miss Axlin.

The fraternity elected Mary French Field, the eldest daughter of Eugene Field, an honored Phi, as an honorary member of Phi Delta Theta.

The Caduceus for February tells of the thirteenth biennial grand conclave held last December at Chatanooga, Tenn. An ode of some 140 lines was read at the conclave celebrating the birth of Kappa Sigma. It was resolved to publish *The Caduceus* five times a year, instead of six as heretofore, omitting the issue during the summer vacation.

The *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* for December is filled with news of their recent convention. The Convention Oration on "The Signs of the Times" by the Rev. Dr. Henry T. McEwen, Adelbert '78, is one of the most eloquent and powerful speeches it has ever been our pleasure to read. We should like to quote it all but the closing paragraph will show in brief the beauty and force of the whole. It completely refutes the charge of materialism brought against the nineteenth century :—

"The movement of the present century, which in motive, method and grandeur towers above all others, as Mt. Blanc above the Jungfrau, is that in behalf of Foreign Missions. Service and sacrifice, with nothing of self are its distinguishing features. The world has yet seen no loftier conception of God's Fatherhood and man's Brotherhood than it furnishes. Year after year with no compulsion but that of love to God and love to man, millions of dollars are contributed. For this service the Churches are able to secure the best equipped, as well as the most talented men and women. Their earthly remuneration is a bare living. The minister

to the needs of the body in hospital and home. In their Schools and Colleges the boys and girls are educated for the larger, truer life they are to live. In Church, Chapel and from house to house they preach the glad tidings of a Saviour who loves each and all, and is able to save to the uttermost, them that come unto God by Him. More powerful and persuasive by far than any word or act of theirs is the simple fact of their presence. They have left home and friends, not for earthly remuneration or renown, but because they have heard a voice coming down through the ages, saying, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world." These men and women undaunted in danger, faltering at no sacrifice, counting not life dear unto themselves, furnish a spectacle to command the attention of the world, and to rouse the loftiest enthusiasm of the Christian. They have been shipwrecked, mobbed, stoned, scourged, imprisoned. Fevers have burned and racked them. They have braved death in the cholera scourges of many lands. More trying still, they have not only met opposition abroad, they have withstood indifference at home. When those at home cried retrench because of hard times, they marched forward meeting deficiencies and increased expenses out of their own paltry salaries. They bring neither pomp, nor power, nor pelf to the peoples who send them forth. They endure as seeing Him who is invisible. Their heroism is finer and longer sustained than that of any heroes from the most renowned battles. In it there is nothing of dash or excitement. It is the sublime devotion of unwavering faith to the ever living God. When Time is viewed in Eternity's light, it will be seen, that this movement and these people have given the nineteenth century its truest distinction in God's sight."

NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

Mrs. Irvine will retire from the presidency of Wellesley College at the close of the present academic year, after discharging the duties of that office for several years in a spirit of devotion to the institution which its friends have not been slow to recognize. Mrs. Irvine is pre-eminently a scholar, and the surrender of her life to executive work has involved a genuine sacrifice. She brought to her position exceptional qualifications both of ability and training, and she has steadily illustrated in the life of the College the highest ideals of intellectual integrity and thoroughness. Miss Caroline Hazard, of Peace Dale, Rhode Island, has been chosen by the Trustees to succeed Mrs. Irvine.—*Ex.*

Δ Δ Δ has a new chapter at the Baltimore Woman's College, Δ Γ one at Indiana University, Π Β Φ one at the University of Vermont. All the general sororities save Κ Κ Γ are now represented at the Woman's College of Baltimore. Π Β Φ now has a larger number of chapters than any other sorority. She is said to be organizing at Missouri.

Last year for the first time the doctor's degree in French universities was made accessible on favorable terms and conditions to foreign students, and it is expected that the German universities will hereafter find it difficult to monopolize American students abroad. No fees are charged in the French universities for matriculation or instruction, and the fee for the doctorate of letters is only \$26, the professional degrees ranging higher. It is announced that a wealthy American lady, 'already known for her munificence to the cause of education,' is about to endow the University of Paris in the interest of American students.

The "rushing season" is now happily over, and from this time on to the close of the college year the selection of new members will be attended by fewer active and open contests for good men. It is during this coming period that we have always maintained that much of the best work for a fraternity can be done. Amid the general activity that characterizes the opening weeks of college many good students, manly fellows who are quiet and even diffident in manner, are passed entirely by in the struggle to gain some men who have the faculty of making themselves known and heard, and creating a favorable impression in a short time.

Most of these latter fellows turn out well, it is true, but how many exceptionally fine men for the fraternity are neglected because they happen to be of the first named, unassuming class. The year of '98-'99 is no exception to the rule, and we are sure our chapters can from now on to Commencement Day do commendable work and secure worthy members by carefully looking after those quiet students, who, as freshmen, are primarily engaged in their studies, but who, when really known, reveal traits of character that indicate manhood in its truest and best sense. Reputation is at times as different from character as darkness is from light. A young man may enter college with a reputation much in his favor. Friends may have preceded him and favorably spoken of him. Relatives may have graduated at his college and have written or spoken to fellow-students in his interest. In the many ways known to college life that young man may be heralded as the sort of a fellow that every fraternity would want. Too often such a man is vigorously "rushed," and is initiated by the successful chapter solely because of his reputation. That reputation many times is not sustained by his character, and as a result an unworthy member is allied with some fraternity. Our chapters cannot be too often cautioned to avoid such a pitfall. Take men into fraternal union and fellowship because they are worthy, and don't take them because of a reputation they may have, unless that reputation is of the very best, and is borne out by character of the highest type, and it is upon this ground that we say, watch the quiet man who has entered college without reputation, good or bad, whose character will assert itself sooner or later in a positive manner, and who, if his character in all its traits is good, will be the kind of a man that any fraternity would be proud of. Such a man has made his reputation by his character, and before his graduation day that character will reflect credit upon the fraternity.—*Caduceus of Kappa Sigma.*